

WORSHIP SERVICE

July 5, 2026

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 104:1,5,24)

Praise the LORD, my soul.

Lord my God, you are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty.

He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

How many are your works, LORD!

In wisdom you made them all;

The earth is full of your creatures.

* Opening Song: "Let All Things Now Living"

Lift Up Your Hearts #5

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

* Opening Prayer

*Song: "Cry of My Heart"

Sing! A New Creation #81

It is the cry of my heart to follow you
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you
It is the cry of my heart to follow All of the days of my life
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord So I can walk in your truth
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord And make me wholly devoted to you
It is the cry of my heart to follow you
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you
It is the cry of my heart to follow All of the days of my life
Open my eyes so I can see The wonderful things that you do
Open my heart up more and more And make it wholly devoted to you
It is the cry of my heart to follow you
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you
It is the cry of my heart to follow All of the days of my life

WE CONFESS OUR COMMON FAITH

Profession of Faith and Testimony of Robert Barnes

The Apostles' Creed

Lift Up Your Hearts #783A

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Song of Response: "Blessed Assurance"

Lift Up Your Hearts #363

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: James 1:1-21 (p. 1118 in pew Bible)

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:
Greetings.

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. **5** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **6** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **7** That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8** Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. **10** But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. **11** For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

¹⁶ Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Message: The New Birth as the Entry to a New Way of Living

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” *Sing! A New Creation* #79

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

WE CELEBRATE GOD’S COVENANT WITH US

Communion Hymn: “I Come with Joy” vs 1-4

Lift Up Your Hearts #533

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

The Scriptural Teaching Regarding the Lord's Supper

Celebration of Holy Communion

As the bread is passed: "Beneath the Cross"

Lift Up Your Hearts #825

(Piano plays as the cup is passed)

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God.
Beneath the cross of Jesus— The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Go to the World"

Lift Up Your Hearts #925

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!
Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia!

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Children's Message: Lora Copley

Message: Rev. Tom Niehof

Musicians: Chloe Berns-Schweingruber, Alisabeth Copley, Elijah Hufford, Laura Hufford

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes are on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Children and Worship is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Roots Youth Group is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Young Adult Ministry meets on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year.

Contact Derek Ten Pas to get connected.

Breakfast Club meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 am. Contact Mary Kuyper for details.

UFO meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

Women's Bible Study is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month at The Mucky Duck; next meeting is July 26 at 7:00 pm.

Hymn Sing is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Regular Council Meeting: July 8 at 6:30 pm.

TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The letter of James is one of the earliest, and most practical, letters in the New Testament.

This week we begin a series of messages from James. Pastor Tom and Pastor Lora will be leading us in this study. All are invited to come and gain from the wisdom of Jesus' little brother. This Sunday, Pastor Tom shares a message from James 1:1-21.

During the service, we will witness the public Profession of Faith of Robert Barnes. After the service, everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for cake and punch as we celebrate this joyful milestone.

This week we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who are baptized into Christ and have made a public stand for him are welcome to the Lord's Table, to receive the nourishment and refreshment of the bread and cup of the Lord "as sure signs" in remembrance of Christ's body and blood poured out for us in his once-for-all sacrifice on the cross.

The special offering this week is for NAMI Central Iowa. NAMI's mission is to provide support, education, and advocacy for persons living with mental illness and their family members. To learn more about support groups and educational classes, visit the website at namici.org or call 515-292-9400.

Joel and Lora Copley joyfully announce the marriage of their son Johnathan Copley to Lillian Blankenship on Saturday, June 20 at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal, Illinois. We thank God for his blessing on this covenant union, and are grateful for your prayers as John and Lily begin their new life together. They will make their home in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Visit with the Helpers Family: Everyone is invited to meet up with the Helpers Family on Monday, July 13, 4:00-6:00 PM at Inis Grove Park–Red Oak Shelter. Bring along your own picnic supper, if you'd like. The TCRC Fellowship Committee will provide ice cream treats. The Helpers plan to be in Ames July 8-14.

Ames Ecumenical Housing board member needed. Trinity CRC was one of the founding churches for Ames Ecumenical Housing, a nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing and supportive services for low-income older adults and people with mobility impairment. This church tries to maintain a member on the board of directors, and we are looking for a volunteer to serve for a period of time. Please talk to Christopher 't Hoen if you are interested or have any questions.

Christian Education Tuition Assistance Available: TCRC is thankful to support families pursuing Christ-centered education for their children. Tuition assistance is available for K–12 students attending schools that provide a scripturally based, God-centered education. Families attending TCRC are encouraged to apply for the upcoming school year by the end of June. This ministry is supported through congregational giving and generous donations. For more information about applying or contributing to the fund, please contact a deacon, a member of council, or the church office via office@amestrinity.org. An application form can be emailed to you or a printed version may be requested. **If you intend to submit an application, please do so this week.**

Midwest BASIC Bible Camp 2026: August 2-6 at Pine Lake Camps in Eldora, IA. This fun and engaging youth camp is for those who have completed grades 6 through 12. Registration is open-[grab your spot here](#)! Questions? Talk to Rob Barnes or Pam Whitney (or email the church office).

Church League Softball: Please contact Derek Ten Pas if you are interested in playing or have questions. Feel free to come and cheer on the team! Games take place at South River Valley Park: 1200 E 13th St in Ames. Upcoming games are the following:

6/30 @ 7:10p Field 6 and @ 8:10p Field 6 | 7/7 Tournament Begins–Time and Fields TBD.

If you or your family have a situation that requires prayer and/or pastoral care, please contact one of the elders. The elders will help in directing you to the appropriate care needed.

Please keep food and drinks contained to the fellowship hall. This helps to keep our space neat and free of unwanted pests. Thank you!

If you or your group will be using the church building for anything, please let Tina (office@amestrinity.org) know so we can keep an accurate facility calendar. Thank you!

There is a printout of the volunteer schedule and upcoming birthdays/anniversaries on the table outside the office. The latest church directory is on the table as well. If you have changes or need to add info, please make notes on the sheet or send an email to office@amestrinity.org.

Please submit announcements to the church office by 10:30 am on Thursdays in order to be included in the announcements for the week. If you leave a written message in the office, please include your name in case a follow-up is necessary. Thank you!

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Apollos: The Gift of Accepting Help - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Apollos: The Gift of Accepting Help" at www.kidscorner.net. Sometimes we try to do everything on our own because we want to feel strong—but it's okay to need help! God made us to learn from each other, so who can you learn from today? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Kids Corner Activity Book Collection.

Groundwork: God Calls and Prepares David - As humans, we are typically drawn to strong, confident leaders. Join Groundwork as we continue our study of 1 Samuel by examining 1 Samuel 16-17. Together, we'll learn what God looks for in the heart of a leader and discuss what that means for us when he calls us to partner with him in his work in the world today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Is it hot outside today? Here in the Northern Hemisphere it is summer, and the temperatures have climbed. Do you like that? Or would you rather it be cooler? Sadly, you can't order your favorite temperature today! Just as in many other parts of life, the temperature outside is not yours to control. Remembering that is helpful for recognizing that you are small and that God (who can control the temperature) is big. Are there other things in your life that you can't change? Name one of those things each day this week, and praise God for his big-ness. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

World Renes

Help Families Affected by the Venezuela Earthquakes - Two powerful earthquakes devastated communities in Venezuela on June 24. World Renew is working with local organizations to respond, meeting urgent needs for families who have lost their homes or can't access clean

water and sanitation. Your church can help share Christ's hope with survivors by giving at worldrenew.net/venezuela-earthquake, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Venezuela Earthquake" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Tom Whitney
Greeter: Yoder
Nursery: Donna and Natalie
Children's Message: Lora Copley
Congregational Prayer: Paul Kleinwolterink

Sound Tech

Jul 5	Tom Whitney	Aug 9	Tom Whitney
Jul 12	Rex De Bruin	Aug 16	Bryan Van Belle
Jul 19	Bryan Van Belle	Aug 23	Rex De Bruin
Jul 26	Rob Barnes	Aug 30	Rob Barnes
Aug 2	Brian Sterenberg		

Greeters

Jul 5	Yoder	Aug 9	Franje
Jul 12	Franje	Aug 16	Copley
Jul 19	Ten Pas	Aug 23	Hobson
Jul 26	Bergman	Aug 30	Hubert
Aug 2	De Bruin		

Nursery

Jul 5	Donna and Natalie	Aug 9	Mary and Pam
Jul 12	Sue and Kathlyn	Aug 16	Lyndee and Kenzie
Jul 19	Mindy and Alisabeth	Aug 23	Rachel and Sue
Jul 26	Megan and Kristy	Aug 30	Melody and Elizabeth
Aug 2	Judy and Cassie		

Children's Message

Jun 28	Derek Ten Pas	Aug 2	Laura Hufford
Jul 5	Lora Copley	Aug 9	Rob Barnes
Jul 12	Christopher 't Hoen	Aug 16	Laura Hufford
Jul 19	Jeff Kopaska	Aug 23	Lora Copley
Jul 26	Rex De Bruin	Aug 30	Christopher 't Hoen

Congregational Prayer

Jul 5	Paul Kleinwolterink	Jul 12	Mark Voss
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Jul 19 Rex De Bruin
Jul 26 Joel Copley
Aug 2 Jeff Kopaska
Aug 9 Lora Copley

Aug 16 Paul Kleinwolterink
Aug 23 Tom Niehof
Aug 30 Mark Voss

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T-Z = Brian Sterenberg

Deacons: A-G = Derek Ten Pas; H-K = Mindy Nikkel; L-S = Mark Voss; T-Z = Laura Hufford

Committee Chairs: Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Christopher ‘t Hoen;
Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology
– Rex De Bruin; Outreach and Enfoldng – Mark Voss; Worship – Laura Hufford